

San Diego State University  
**HONORS COUNCIL**

Weber Honors College • Phi Eta Sigma • Tau Sigma • Golden Key • Phi Kappa Phi  
Mortar Board • Phi Beta Kappa

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Dear Dean's List Honoree:

On behalf of the University Honors Council, congratulations! With your high standards of scholastic achievement, students such as yourself well represent San Diego State University.

The Honors Council comprises representatives from the Weber Honors College, Scholars Without Borders and from each of the University's national (Golden Key is international) multidisciplinary honor societies: Phi Eta Sigma, Golden Key, Phi Kappa Phi, Mortar Board, and Phi Beta Kappa. Our goal is to promote and reward superior academic achievement at SDSU.

The Weber Honors College is open to incoming freshman, as well as first and second-year college students who have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher. To apply, students must complete the Honors College application (due March 30) which includes one essay. To graduate from the College, students must complete the Honors College curriculum, study abroad, and earn a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher. Honors courses are noted on transcripts and students completing the requirements are awarded a certificate of completion as a supplement to the diploma and a special medallion especially suited for wearing at commencement. To apply to the Weber Honors College, please visit [www.sdsu.edu/honors](http://www.sdsu.edu/honors). For more information email [honors@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:honors@mail.sdsu.edu).

**Phi Eta Sigma Freshman Honor Society** is open to students who have enrolled in 12 units or more and achieved a grade-point average of 3.50 in either semester during their freshman year at SDSU. Eligible students are invited to join at the beginning of the fall semester of their sophomore year. Students who were eligible but missed induction after their freshman year may apply to join retroactively *only during the designated invitation period* in the month of September. Activities include mentoring freshman, academic lectures, discussion groups, community service, and social events. For information email [phietasigma@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:phietasigma@mail.sdsu.edu)

**Tau Sigma** is a national honor society for SDSU transfer students. The mission is to recognize academic excellence and involvement of SDSU transfer students. Transfer students in the top 20% who have completed one full-time SDSU semester will be invited to join. For information visit <http://tausigma.sdsu.edu> or email [tausigma@sdsu.edu](mailto:tausigma@sdsu.edu)

**Golden Key International Honour Society** is comprised of sophomores, juniors and seniors in the upper 15 percent of their class (roughly a 3.50 GPA) whose last 24 units have been earned at SDSU. Activities include the induction ceremony, frequent social events, monthly meetings, annual regional and national meetings, and community projects. For more information contact Dr. Edith Benkov at [ebenkov@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:ebenkov@mail.sdsu.edu) or visit their web site at [goldenkey.org](http://goldenkey.org)

**Phi Kappa Phi** is the oldest honor society that recognizes excellence in all academic disciplines. Standards for election are extremely high. Membership is by invitation only to the top 7.5 percent of second-semester juniors and the top 10 percent of seniors and graduate students. The Society annually provides scholarships for graduate study and grants for study abroad and internships. For information email [sdsupkp@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:sdsupkp@mail.sdsu.edu)

**Mortar Board** is a national honor society for college seniors. To be considered for election to membership, students must have senior standing for the fall semester with an overall GPA of 3.2 and have participated and excelled in scholarship, leadership, and service. Admission to Mortar Board is highly competitive and is restricted to 45 students a year. Activities include awarding the Outstanding Junior Merit Scholarship, hosting a Faculty and Staff Appreciation Dinner, publishing the SDSU Mortar Board Daily Planner and Calendar of Events, and conducting philanthropic projects related to the national focus. For more information go to [mortarboard.sdsu.edu](http://mortarboard.sdsu.edu).

**Phi Beta Kappa** is the nation's oldest and most prestigious honor society for undergraduates in the liberal arts and sciences. Juniors and seniors who have completed 45 semester units in residence and who have completed or are completing two years in residence are eligible for election by invitation only, which occurs in the spring. To be considered, juniors must have a minimum 3.75 GPA in 75 semester units in Liberal Arts and Sciences at SDSU, and seniors must have a minimum 3.6 GPA and at least 90 semester units of coursework in the liberal arts and sciences. The coursework must demonstrate breadth outside the major, including college-level mathematics and the equivalent of three college semesters of a foreign language. Contact the President Dr. Glen McClish at [gmcclish@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:gmcclish@mail.sdsu.edu).

Should you become a member of all five honor societies (excluding the Weber Honors College and Scholars Without Borders) and maintain good standing and active participation for at least one semester, you will be eligible as a graduating senior to be awarded the

**Dr. Henry L. Janssen Honors Council Award for Excellence.**

Again, congratulations on your success! I encourage you to become involved in the various honor societies on campus because they provide truly rewarding experiences. Further information on the societies may be found in the *SDSU General Catalog*. Best wishes for your continued high achievement!

For more information regarding any of these organizations please go to [honorscouncil.sdsu.edu/](http://honorscouncil.sdsu.edu/).

Sincerely,

*Ryan LaMar*

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